

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-10 are now present in this application.

Claim 1 has been amended, and claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments to claim 1, a “linking arm” is now recited. Since claim 3 depends on claim 1, proper antecedent basis should be provided for this term in claim 3. Regarding the “fifth crank,” this term is initially recited in line 3 of claim 3. As such, all terms in claim 3 should have proper antecedent basis. The Examiner notes the “last line” for the term “linking arm,” but this term is not found in the last line of claim 3. Nonetheless, since this term is recited in independent claim 1, proper antecedent basis should be provided.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over HACKLANDER et al., U.S. Patent 2,158,562, in view of ALBRECHT et al., U.S. Patent 5,005,504. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner considers claims 2-8 and 10 to contain allowable subject matter, if the 35 USC 112 rejection were overcome. Because the

limitations of objected-to but allowable claim 2 have now been incorporated into independent claim 1, and because the 35 USC 112 rejection should be overcome, this prior art rejection should be overcome and withdrawn. All claims in the instant application should now be in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

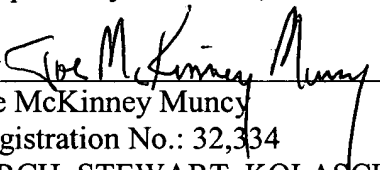
Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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